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TOPIC General Information from the Area of the KVP Mechanized Division Potsdam		
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1. Between 23 August and 14 September 1954, the KVP installation at Premnitz was occupied by about 200 KVPs. Only little activity was observed. Contingents of the KVP unit were employed at harvesting, and other contingents were probably stationed at the troop training grounds in the Ferchels-Mahlitz area. Traffic of KVP vehicles was daily observed between this area and Premnitz. On 1 and 14 September, trucks with about 15 to 20 KVPs left the installation and went to the Milos Hills for practice with 4 to 6 portable radio sets. ¹
2. On 31 August, about 1,500 KVPs from the Oranienburg concentration camp were employed at harvesting crops in the Osthavelland District. Little activity was seen in the yard of the concentration camp. A similar observation was also made on 9 September. From early September up to 12 September, at least 120 young men with suitcases arrived at the Oranienburg railroad station and went to the concentration camp. ¹
3. On 3 September, the Oranienburg concentration camp was occupied by about 200 KVPs. Two T-34/85 tanks left gate IV for a cross-country drive. No further activity was seen. On 10 September, the installation was still occupied by about 200 KVPs.
4. At 1100 on 28 August, 50 to 60 T-34/85 tanks and 800 to 1,200 KVPs were unloaded at the Gross Wudicke railroad station. On 29 August, 25 T-34/85 tanks and 400 to 500 KVPs (infantry) were engaged in a field exercise in the area east of Hohengoehrener Damm. Supported by tanks, the KVPs advanced toward Ferchels. It was said that the KVPs came from Oranienburg. They held field exercises on the troop training grounds up to 1 September and entrained at Gross Wudicke on 2 September. ²
5. On 3 September, a KVP tank unit from Burg arrived at the troop training grounds. The units included about 600 KVPs and about 70 tanks, probably mostly of the T-34/85 type. ³

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6. Between 8 and 29 September, the troop training grounds was cordoned off. Heavy gun fire was heard daily. At about 1400 on 10 September, 4 T-34/85 tanks and 3 SU-100 were seen south of Ferchels. About 15 tanks, 5 tank trucks and 25 tents stood north of Schoenhauser Damm airfield. At about noon on 16 September, 14 trucks, each occupied by 20 KVPs and towing an artillery piece, were observed about 800 meters west of Schollehne.
7. On 7 September, the Ruinenberg Kaserne was again occupied to capacity by about 1,200 KVPs, including 100 to 120 recruits. A KVP officer stated that the unit returned from the troop training grounds on 2 September. 4
8. On 8 September, the Garde du Corps Kaserne was occupied by about 500 KVPs with red-bordered black epaulets. KVPs from the installation held a practice loading at the Potsdam freight station. 5
9. Between 23 August and 2 September, elements of the KVP signal battalion from Potsdam-Eiche were stationed at the troop training grounds north of Gross Wudicke. Since a commission from Berlin was to inspect all KVP units in the Potsdam area between 13 and 18 September, the field exercises in the Kliest area were to be stopped until 21 September.
10. At 0330 on 7 or 8 September, numerous trucks left the Garde du Corps Kaserne. Since that time, the installation has been only lightly occupied. 5

1. Comment. The mortar regiment of the Mechanized Division Potsdam is in Potsdam. The observations confirm that large KVP contingents have been detached for harvest work. 25X1
2. Comment. It is probably that elements of the mechanized regiment and of the tank regiment from Oranienburg held field exercises on the troop training grounds. No reports are available that the KVP unit which was entrained on 2 September 1954 returned to Oranienburg. On 10 September 1954, the Oranienburg concentration camp was still lightly occupied. 25X1
3. Comment. The movement of the heavy tank regiment from Burg to Kliest troop training grounds is reported for the first time. 25X1
4. Comment. The return movement of the 2d Macz Regt from the Kliest troop training grounds to Potsdam was probably previously observed. 25X1
5. Comment. On 7, 8 and 9 September 1954, the AAA regiment from the Garde du Corps Kaserne probably moved to Zingst. 25X1
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